Revision of drug prices

6. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3001 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of cases where his department granted hearing after December, 1983 and what are the details of prices finally settled;

(b) whether it is a fact that the companies who went to Supreme Court filed their applications for revision after 31st December, 1983;

(c) if so, when was each application for revision in price filed and with whom each was filed;

(d) whether it is a fact that on first hearing itself the prices have been upheld; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons that subsequent hearings were granted and how many hearings were given to each ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (e) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Rifampicin plus INH

7. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leading producers of Rifampicin plus INH capsules have been charging Rs. 11/- to Rs. 44/- for these packs from 1983 onward before fixation of ceiling prices of these packs by his Ministry;

(b) whether his Ministry has issued any show cause notice to the producers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Various Companies are marketing the concerned formulations packs and all of them are required to adhere to the prices fixed by the Government under DPCO. Appropriate action is taken on receipt of specific information regarding violation of DPCO.

Increase of price by the manufacturers of Bajaj Tempo

8. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 484 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Light Commercial manufacturers, Bajaj Tempo have increased the price of their vehicle from Rs. 87,000/- to Rs. 1,19,000/- due to ban imposed by State Transport Authority in other vehicles like Toyota and Tata;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the engine of this vehicle is manufactured by Bajaj indigenously and without foreign collaboration; and

(c) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard and if so, what action has been taken to reduce the price of this Vehicle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As reported by the company, the ex-factory price of their Matador vehicles has been increased only once during the last twelve months upto February, 1989, by Rs. 7957 due to increase in the prices of various inputs and labour costs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.